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SUBJECT: ICL COMPUTER EXPORTS TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND
POLAND

REF: A) LONDON 2194, 2/19/74; B) STATE 35293, 2/22/74;

C) LONDON 2325, 2/22/74; D) LONDON 23, 1/2/74

1. REFERENCE B IMPLIED USG RE-EXPORT PERMISSION FOR TWO ICL 4-72 SYSTEMS, ONE FOR MINISTRY OF TRADE IN PRAGUE AND THE OTHER FOR CEGIELSKI INDUSTRIAL PLANT IN POZNAN, WOULD BE FORTHCOMING ONCE ICL HAD AGREED TO SAFEGUARD PROCEDURES. REFERENCE C INDICATED ICL'S AGREEMENT WAS REFLECTED IN ICL LETTER (SMITH TO KREITZER) OF FEBRUARY 14 AND THAT SMITH WOULD RE-CONFIRM THIS IN A FOLLOW-UP LETTER.

2. ON MARCH 8, EMBOFF WAS ADVISED BY HMG LICENSING OFFICIAL (WHITBY) THAT USG RE-EXPORT PERMISSION HAS STILL NOT BEEN ISSUED. A REPORTING CABLE FROM UK EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON INDICATED THAT MINISTER FOR COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS CORTAZZI WAS TOLD ON MARCH 5 AND 6 BY NSC AND CIEP OFFICIALS RESPECTIVELY THAT USG RE-EXPORT LICENSES WOULD NOT BE FORTHCOMING UNTIL CIEP REVIEW OF IL 1565 AND OVERALL US COMPUTER POLICY WAS COMPLETED.

3. THESE CASES INVOLVE COMPUTER SYSTEMS EXPORTS OF
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\$3.5 MILLION WHICH REPORTEDLY MIGHT BE JEOPARDIZED IF

THE DEADLINE DELIVERY DATE OF APRIL 1, 1974 IS NOT MET. FAILURE TO OBTAIN REQUISITE USG EXPORT PERMISSION BY THAT TIME OR FOR US TO EXPLAIN SATISFACTORILY THE REASONS FOR THE HOLD-UP IN GRANTING OF THE NECESSARY US LICENSES MIGHT CAUSE SOME SERIOUS INITIAL PROBLEMS WITH A NEW LABOR GOVERNMENT. DELAYS ON THESE TWO CASES, AS CONTRASTED TO THE APPARENT USG ACQUIESCENCE IN THE SPEY ENGINE SALE TO THE PRC (REFERENCE D) UNDER THE PREVIOUS CONSERVATIVE GOVERNMENT, MIGHT SEEM INCONSISTENT IN TERMS OF STRATEGIC EXPORT CONTROL POLICY.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE PROVIDE A CURRENT STATUS REPORT OF TWO ICL CASES AND THE CIEP REVIEW OF USG COMPUTER POLICY.

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